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**BRIDGING
LEADERSHIP
AWARD**


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Bridging leadership is a form of leadership practiced by both individuals and organizations that builds trust and collaboration among diverse stakeholders to address systemic challenges.

It represents a paradigm shift in our approach to creating change: a movement away from less-inclusive forms of decision-making that have dominated much of human history.

We come together to celebrate three remarkable bridging leaders and to share ideas and inspiration about how we can each build the trust and collaboration needed today.

Program

6:00PM **Opening Reception**

7:00PM **Welcome**

By Kasee Ithana, Co-Executive Director,
Synergos

7:15PM **Presentation of David Rockefeller
Bridging Leadership Award**

To Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation,
by Michael Bloomberg, Founder, Bloomberg
LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies

To Alyse Nelson, President, CEO and
Co-Founder, Vital Voices Global Partnership,
by Zainab Salbi, humanitarian, author, and
media commentator

Alyse Nelson and Darren Walker in
conversation with Peggy Dulany, Founder and
Chair, Synergos

8:20PM **Presentation of David Rockefeller
Bridging Leadership Award**

To André Hoffmann, Vice Chairman, Roche
Holding, by Paul Polman, business leader
and author, and Eddie Ndopu, humanitarian,
activist, and UN SDG Advocate

Remarks and Q&A by André Hoffmann

8:45PM **Table Conversations**

9:05PM **Musical Performance**

By Jazzmeia Horn, multi-Grammy-Award-
nominated musician

9:20PM **Event Closing**

By Henri van Eeghen, Co-Executive Director,
Synergos

2022 Honoree

André Hoffmann

André Hoffmann is the Vice Chairman of Roche Holding, Switzerland, a highly innovative pharmaceutical company, and serves on the board of the fully-owned subsidiary Genentech Inc. in California. Mr. Hoffmann has also contributed to the development and success of a data driven, cloud based, analytics company providing meaningful insights into the US health system: Inovalon Inc., based in Maryland.



Alongside his non-executive roles in the family business, Mr. Hoffmann has a distinguished career in nature conservation and sustainability. He served on the board of WWF International for 19 years (the last 10 years as Vice-President), Wetlands International, Global Footprint Network and FIBA. His philanthropic activity focuses on sustainable impact in many other organizations, mostly in the field of education.

Mr. Hoffmann is the President of Fondation MAVA, and President of Fondation Tour du Valat in the Camargue, France.

Mr. Hoffmann firmly believes in business as a force for good and has joined the board of SystemIQ in order to help positively disrupt critical economic systems. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum, as well as of the Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in San Francisco.

Mr. Hoffmann has been instrumental in establishing the Hoffmann Global Institute in Business and Society (HGIBS) at INSEAD, in Fontainebleau, France, his Alma mater, and chairs its Advisory Board.

Mr. Hoffmann studied economics at St. Gallen University and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

2022 Honoree

Alyse Nelson

Alyse Nelson is President and CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, a nonprofit organization founded on the simple idea that nations and communities cannot move forward without women's voices in leadership positions. A co-founder of Vital Voices, Alyse has worked for the organization for more than 22 years, serving as Vice President and Senior Director of programs before assuming her current role in 2009. Under her leadership, Vital Voices has expanded its reach to serve over 20,000 women leaders across 184 countries and territories.



Previously, Alyse served as Deputy Director of the State Department's Vital Voices Global Democracy Initiative and worked with the President's Interagency Council on Women at the White House.

Alyse is author of the best-selling book *Vital Voices: the Power of Women Leading Change Around the World* and a regular speaker on leadership and global women's issues. She has spoken before the United Nations General Assembly, the Clinton Global Initiative, Fortune Most Powerful Women, Oxford Student Union, and Women in the World, among others. She has conducted leadership training with women at the US Central Intelligence Agency, DFID (the UK Development Agency), Fortune 1000 companies, and at numerous conferences.

Alyse is a Member in the Council on Foreign Relations and serves as an official Observer for the World Bank's We-fi Initiative for Women Entrepreneurs. She serves on advisory boards for The B Team, Chime for Change and Global Citizen. *Fortune* magazine named Alyse one of the 55 Most Influential Women on Twitter and she was featured as one of *Newsweek's* 150 Women Shaking the World. Alyse was honored in 2015 with a Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Award and in 2018 *Apolitical* named her one of the most influential people in global gender policy. Alyse completed her graduate degree work at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

2022 Honoree

Darren Walker

Darren Walker is president of the Ford Foundation, a \$16 billion international social justice philanthropy. He is a member of the Reimagining New York Commission and co-chair of NYC Census 2020. He chaired the philanthropy committee that brought a resolution to the city of Detroit's historic bankruptcy. Under his leadership, the Ford Foundation became the first nonprofit in US history to issue a \$1 billion designated social bond in US capital markets for proceeds to strengthen and stabilize nonprofit organizations in the wake of Covid-19.



Before joining Ford, Darren was Vice President at Rockefeller Foundation, overseeing global and domestic programs. In the 1990s, he was COO of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, Harlem's largest community development organization.

Darren co-chairs New York City's Mayoral Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments, and Markers, and has served on the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform and the UN International Labour Organization Global Commission on the Future of Work. He co-founded both the US Impact Investing Alliance and the Presidents' Council on Disability Inclusion in Philanthropy and is a founding member of the Board Diversity Action Alliance. He serves on many boards, including Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, Carnegie Hall, the High Line, the Committee to Protect Journalists, and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture. In the summer of 2020, he was appointed to the boards of Square and Ralph Lauren. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and is the recipient of 16 honorary degrees and university awards, including Harvard University's W.E.B. Du Bois Medal.

Educated exclusively in public schools, Darren was a member of the first Head Start class in 1965 and received BA, BS, and JD degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He has been included on numerous leadership lists: *Time's* annual 100 Most Influential People, *Rolling Stone's* 25 People Shaping the Future, *Fast Company's* Most Creative People in Business, *Ebony's* Power 100, and *Out* magazine's Power 50. Most recently, Darren was named *Wall Street Journal's* 2020 Philanthropy Innovator.

Synergos is a global organization that has pioneered the use of bridging leadership, which builds trust and collaboration.

We have used this inclusive approach with partners around the world for 35 years to achieve extraordinary results meeting local and national needs.

Today, we help dismantle systems that create the most urgent problems of our time: poverty, social injustice, and climate change.

We work on agriculture and employment in Ethiopia and Nigeria, the wellbeing of children in South Africa, preventing child drowning in Bangladesh, and supporting social entrepreneurs in the Arab World who are helping meet the needs of millions.

And we are helping our network of philanthropists identify and incubate collaborations that shift power and resources to proximate leaders, enabling the solutions to our greatest human challenges to reach scale.

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